



First contractor announced!

BAM Nuttall is appointed to complete the first stage of the Lake Lothing Third Crossing Project



Plus

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Main photo L-R: Cllr Michael Ladd, Ewan Barr, Peter Aldous MP, Cllr Matthew Hicks, Jon Barnard





Message from Matthew

I hope you share my excitement about the news of announcing our first contractor, it's a milestone for the building of the Third Crossing!

I wanted to take you behind the scenes at the council, to tell you about some of the work that has happened for us to reach this important stage of the process. We have been working on the project since 2015 and now have a core team of six people.

They work with numerous of organisations and authorities to consider a variety of impacts ranging from wildlife, noise, street lighting, highways, pollution and landscaping to name but a few.

There is an incredible amount of detail required for a project like this, just the initial submission to apply for the Development Consent Order consisted of over 25,000 pages being delivered to the government's Planning Inspectorate. Tasks that need to be considered range from the structural design of the beam which gives the crossing its shape, to the fastenings required to secure litter bins in the surrounding landscape.

The team's hard work has resulted in Suffolk County Council's cabinet approving BAM Nuttall as the contractor to finalise designs for the crossing. Their bid brings a balance of high quality work and value for money.

Councillor Matthew Hicks
Leader of Suffolk County Council

Stage 1 - Contractor announcement What does this mean?

Suffolk County Council has announced that leading civil engineering contractor, BAM Nuttall, has won the contract for the first stage of completing the Lake Lothing Third Crossing in Lowestoft. The contract started on 1 November 2018.

Following a comprehensive tender process and approval by Suffolk County Council's cabinet, BAM Nuttall will now finalise the design of the crossing, ready for building. The award of the construction stage of the contract (Stage 2), is scheduled to be announced in the Autumn of 2019.



"The award of this contract is a significant and important event in the construction of the 3rd Crossing, which is so important to Lowestoft and the surrounding area. I look forward to meeting and working with BAM Nuttall in the coming months."

Peter Aldous MP for Waveney



"I'm delighted that the contractor has been announced and the Third Crossing is progressing well. They have plans to involve the local community and businesses with the project, which are further boosts to the town and the district."

Councillor Mark Bee, leader of Waveney District Council

The application process - the remaining steps

COMPLETED



Jul 2018 Pre-Consultation



Aug 2018 Acceptance



Sep 2018 Pre-Examination

NEXT



Examination

Dec 2018 to Jun 2019

Interested Parties are invited to provide more details of their views of the project. You can request to speak at one of the hearings. The Planning Inspectorate has 6 months to complete the Examination.



Introducing Ewan Barr and Scott Thompson from BAM Nuttall



Ewan Barr

As Project Director for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing for BAM Nuttall, my role is to oversee the project, work with our project manager, Scott, and collaborate closely with Suffolk County Council. I have over 30 years' experience of heavy civil engineering

programmes and am excited to play a key part in unlocking the immense potential of this project.

BAM Nuttall is a leading supplier of civil engineering services in the UK. We're part of the Royal BAM Group, an international construction firm. Across the UK BAM Nuttall is known for being involved in major road, rail and nuclear infrastructure projects. In recent years we have worked on projects such as tunnels for Crossrail, roads and bridges for the 2012 Olympics as well as being the construction partner of the British Antarctic Society to modernise the UK Antarctic and other research facilities. Closer to home we have been a key part of the first phase of Great Yarmouth's flood defence scheme and Association of British Port's Ipswich Quay works.



Scott Thompson

I am Project Manager for the crossing for BAM Nuttall, with 18 years' experience of heavy civil engineering programmes. I recently worked with Ewan to deliver the design and construction of Kirtling Street marine project for Thames Tideway. I'm very much looking

forward to working on the Third Crossing project which will not only provide an iconic landmark for the town but also make a significant and positive impact on the region. We intend to open an office in Lowestoft near the construction site prior to the main site works commencing and, together with SCC, will ensure we keep local people and businesses informed of the project's progress.

Introducing the Suffolk County Council team -

Jon Barnard

As project manager for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing at Suffolk County Council, it is my responsibility to manage the council's team and to liaise with the many partner organisations involved.

With BAM Nuttall's contract having begun on 1 November 2018, I will also be working closely with our colleagues there, to ensure the project progresses according to plan. An important part of this work will be to keep local residents and businesses updated with news and developments. We will do this with further editions of this newsletter and updates in the local news.

I also have regular meetings with local authorities and agencies supporting us in the process, such as WSP, who are leading engineering consultants and have been advising on the project since 2015.

Introduction to SHARP



SHARP Contract & Surveying Ltd are a Lowestoft based company specialising in Contract & Commercial management of infrastructure projects of both national and local significance. SHARP C&S are delighted to be supporting Suffolk County Council on the commercial controls and delivery of the Lake Lothing Third Crossing Project in its home town. This is a significant award for the company and demonstrates that locally (Lowestoft) based niche companies can compete and win contracts when in competition against the largest of consultancies in the country. SHARPS C&S are looking forward to mobilising in Lowestoft and helping deliver this highly important scheme for the town and its people.

Recommendation

Jun to Sep 2019

The Planning Inspectorate must prepare a report on the application to the relevant Secretary of State, including a recommendation, within three months of the close of the Examination.



Decision

Sep to Dec 2019

The relevant Secretary of State has three months to make the decision on whether to grant or refuse development consent.



Post-decision

Dec 2019 to Jan 2020

Once a decision has been issued by the relevant Secretary of State, there is a six week period in which the decision may be challenged in the High Court.

What happens now?

EXAMINATION

The Government's Planning Inspectorate will carry out the Examination of the application to build the crossing. This process will begin on the afternoon of 5 December 2018 and will last for six months. There will be several opportunities for people to provide more details of their views on the project during this time.

The Planning Inspectorate has appointed the Examining Authority to carry out the Examination. This LLTC panel will comprise of two independent Inspectors. At the end of this six month period, they will make their recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will decide whether to grant permission by December 2019.

PRELIMINARY MEETING

(5 DECEMBER 2018, 10AM)

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting is to enable views to be put to the Examining Authority about the way in which the application is to be examined. At this stage the panel is looking at the procedure and not the merits of the application. Registered Interested Parties will be invited to attend.

OPEN FLOOR HEARING 1

(5 DECEMBER 2018, 2PM)

The purpose of an Open Floor Hearing is to allow Interested Parties to address the Examining Authority on relevant matters of their choosing. Speaking time will be shared between Interested Parties who have registered in advance. Parties who do not register in advance may be heard at the end of the hearing if there is time available and at the discretion of the Examining Authority.

The Preliminary Meeting and Open Floor Hearing 1 will be held at The Ivy House, Ivy Lane, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft NR33 8HY on Wednesday 5 December 2018.

NEXT STEPS

(5 DECEMBER 2018 TO 5 JUNE 2019)

There will be several more hearings during the Examination. Deadlines, hearings and meetings will be advertised on the Planning Inspectorate website, the Lake Lothing Third Crossing website, in the local media and in local venues.

More information about meetings and the process can be found on:

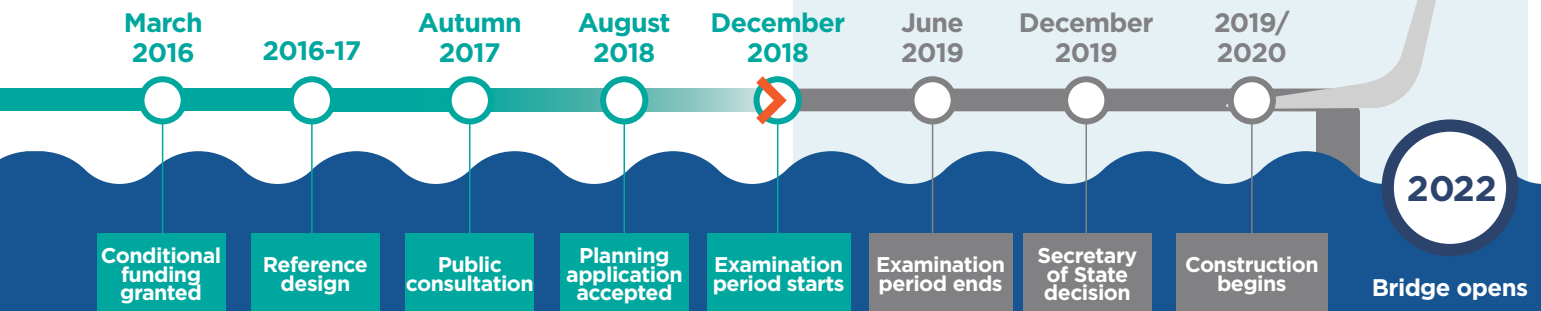
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The Planning Inspectorate's job is to make decisions and provide recommendations and advice on a range of land use planning-related issues across England and Wales.



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